

EDITORIALS

An Aid to Children

A campaign currently under way has as its goal the collection of \$65,000 to construct a therapy pool at the Harlan Sheemaker School in San Pedro, a school whose enrollment consists of crippled children of the Torrance-Harbor area.

One visit to the school will convince anyone of the vital need for such a pool — it will be the only playground for a large number of children in the school.

A committee of concerned citizens felt compelled to raise funds to provide the pool for the crippled children when the Los Angeles School system, under whose guidance the school is operated, said it could not expend public funds for such a facility.

We believe the school officials are wrong, and that funds for the pool could and should be allocated. Installation of such a pool is no more out of place or harder to justify than the expenditures of like sums for playground and game equipment for other schools. Such equipment can not be used by a majority of the students at the San Pedro school.

This notwithstanding, the concern of the Torrance and Harbor area citizens who are spearheading the drive for funds to install such a pool is well directed, and contributions to this campaign will benefit hundreds of children in the area for many years to come.

LAW IN ACTION

The Chief Lawyer

In a nation under law, a government's chief lawyer becomes a key officer.

The idea comes to us from Thirteenth century England, where an attorney general advised the king. Today the U. S. Attorney General is a member of the President's cabinet.

Under California's first Constitution in 1849, the Governor named the state Attorney General, but ever since 1862 the people have elected him.

The California Attorney General advises all state agencies of their rights and duties under law, and helps all law enforcement agencies. He has charge of the State Division of Criminal Law Enforcement and stands ready to help the fifty-eight county district attorneys who may call on him to help investigate or prosecute a case. Lawyers under him handle all criminal appeals in higher courts.

Under him the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation keeps files and fingerprints second only to those of the F.B.I. He also directs a large criminal laboratory, the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, and a Bureau of Criminal Statistics.

The Legislature, the Governor, district attorneys, county counsels, and some state agencies look to him for legal advice. He usually takes over when anyone sues over taxes, water, oil, or land rights run into big money. To handle these problems the Attorney General directs more than one hundred lawyers and six hundred other employees in offices in Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

NOTE: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.



JUS' WAITIN' . . . Bill Coffman, former National Supply Co. employee and now a professional organizer, is waiting for challengers after setting a world's record of 135 continuous hours at the organ. A nightly feature at the Sirocco in Wilmington, Coffman wound up his marathon after beating an English pianist who had set a previous record at 133 hours. (Herald Photo)

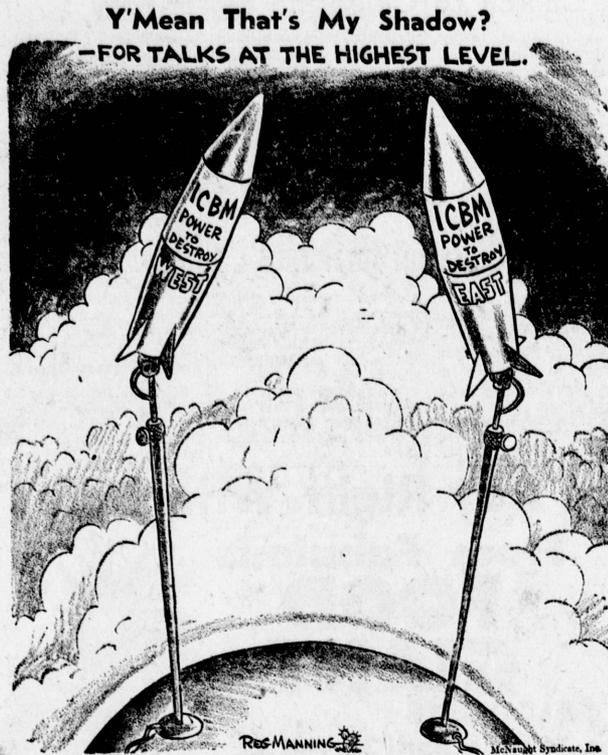
STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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RAMBLINGS by Ronnie Saunders

On Covering 'The Big Story'

Through the years, as I sat before my television set or snuggled in a chair listening to the radio, many times I heard or saw versions of the journalistic life called "The Big Story." They were exciting tales, of humming city rooms, and editors that wore green eye shades, and reporters that played cops and robbers when they had nothing better to do.

It's funny as I think back; but the story I'll always remember most fondly as my own big story was quite the opposite of the canned variety fed the radio-TV consumer.

My "big story" took place one day in late winter at the PSTC campus. In four simple words I COVERED ROBERT FROST. To me, at the time—twenty, with as much love for reading as for writing—he was the poet laureate of our century. I remembered memorizing lines of his in grade school, and suddenly realizing for the first time what they meant in the adolescent years; and now, with the great man white haired and semi-retired, his old friendship for a faculty member at PSTC was bringing him to Plattsburgh for one of his rare public appearances.

In Years Gone By

Biggest news 30 years ago this week was the addition of a science wing and cafeteria to Torrance High School, according to the HERALD files of April 25, 1929. A home economics wing, featuring cooking rooms and sewing rooms were planned for the first floor of the science wing, and general science laboratories and classrooms were slated to be built over them.

Meriting space on the front page of the HERALD 30 years ago today was a poem by "Colonel" J. E. Forbes, veteran of the Philippine campaigns, entitled "Wrecker," as follows:

I watched them tearing a building down,
A gang of men in a busy town.
With a ho, heave, ho,
They swung the beam and the sidewall fell.

Sparky says:

Know how to call your fire department

Don't give fire a place to start!

National Wins Safety Award

Presentation of the highest over its "par" rating in several years of the National Safety Council to John D. Spalding, works manager of the National Supply Co. plant here, was made this week by Frank Rehger, safety director of the Aluminum Company of America.

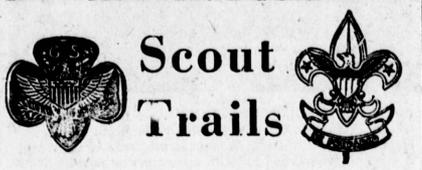
An Eighth Grader Says:

What Freedom Means to Me

By CAROL CARTER
Walteria Elementary School
The alarm rings at 8:30 a.m. I lean over an dur in toff, and instead of getting up, I just lay there thinking of nothing important, except what I'm going to wear to church or what kind of a day it will be. When ten minutes are up, I get the urge to get up. I slip on my slippers, put on my robe, comb my hair, and start for the kitchen.

church I sit in the first row to hear the minister. I listen closely and sing openly with all my heart. My prayers are truthful and forgiving.

I go home and tell my mother what I have thought today. She says that's not the only kind of freedom. There's freedom of the press, of speech, and so on. This is a wonderful kind of freedom we're lucky enough to have.



Oh, what a beautiful morning!
No one is out. I open the screen door and walk down the driveway, lean down and pick up the Sunday paper. I look around. Everything is so still, except the cool breeze whistling through the trees. A few birds are singing and the smell of fresh flowers in the air.

Troop 703
Leslie Read, awards committee member of Boy Scout Troop 703, officiated at a Court of honor held at the Carl Steele School last week.

sent to Deborah Cote, Terry Finnell, Joan Norris, Andrea Tindley, Karen Trygstad and Janice Webb.
Leaders accompanying the troop were: Mrs. John Trygstad and Mrs. M. Lehr. Plans were formulated to divide the troop into two groups. Mrs. Trygstad will remain leader of the Brownies, and Mrs. Lehr will lead the Intermediate Girl Scouts.

Oh, what a beautiful day! This is when you can really think of what freedom means to you. No one can live without it, yet I don't see how anyone could be so cruel as to take this kind of freedom away from others.

Following the showing of a film on shooting by Parsons, awards and service pins were presented to: Mike Scott, Terry Read, Chipper Browning, Ronnie Wood, Thomas Barton, Steve Whitehill, James Sills, Ken Barackman, Tom Giebler, Dick King, and Roland Sills.

Brownie Troop 1360
Brownie Troop 1360, sponsored by Torrance Elementary P.T.A., had their Brownie Birthday outing at Knotts Berry Farm March 17. Each girl and adult brought a sack lunch and ate lunch in the Covered Wagon Circle. After lunch the girls divided into three groups and visited ghost town and the gift shops.

When I go to church, I'll thank God for letting me have my freedom. Such a morning makes you feel thankful, so very thankful. I can go to my own church and worship, pick my own friends, and I can have faith in others. Everyone needs faith.

Plans were made to camp at El Nido Park Saturday, April 25. The troop will attend the Boy Scout Camporee at Lake Cachuma May 1, 2, and 3.

Brownie attending were: Judy Ballard, Debbie Lifton, Shirley Johnson, Vora Ventan, Linda Mow, Patsy Hardin, Carolyn Bloomer, Janet Lifton, Peggy Powell, Lynda Roberts, Donna Brooks, Gloria Friberg, Rosalie Preston, Debbie Streit & Sharon Abrams. Mothers attending were: Mrs. Roberts, leader, Mrs. Lifton, co-leader, Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Broos, Mrs. Preston and Mrs. Abrams.

Freedom means the same thing to me as flying does to a bird. Without it you cannot be happy or have a song in your heart. After awhile you wouldn't want to hear birds sing, or smell fresh flowers, or feel the cool breeze of the wind. If you don't have freedom, it makes you bitter.

Other fund-raising activities of the group include a bake sale to be held at Lucky Market, Western Ave. and Lomita Blvd. beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9. Cakes decorated in a Mothers' Day theme will be featured. Chairman is Mrs. Irene Mason.

Following the opening by Assistant Cubmaster Donald Emlaw, Den 4 conducted flag salute and Michel Carpenter read an article on the origin of "America the Beautiful."

After awhile I go inside again, run into the kitchen and eat my roll. I read the paper and clean up. It takes time to decide what to wear, but soon I pick out the same dress I wore last week. I get dressed in a hurry because I am late. I comb my hair, put on my lipstick and I'm off. I go to Sunday School first, then to church. In

Harbor City Scouts
A square dance will be held at the Retail Clerks Union Hall, Harbor City, at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2 by the Harbor City Scout Mothers Auxiliary. Throughout the evening a buffet supper will be served. Ticket chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Fred May. Proceeds will go towards completion of the Scout Hall to be built on 253rd St.

Pack 951C
"Down on the Farm" was the theme of a meeting held by Pack 951C at Crenshaw School Friday evening. Cubs and their parents came dressed as farmers.

Armed Forces

Leland F. Campbell, commissaryman second class, USN, son of Mrs. Hattie Campbell, of 1811 W. 218th St., and husband of the former Miss Margaret C. Taylor of Torrance, is serving aboard the anti-submarine aircraft carrier USS Kearsarge undergoing regular overhaul in the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

Brownie Troop 2000
The first birthday and fly-up ceremony of Brownie troop 2000, sponsored by Halldale Ave. P.T.A., was celebrated at a dinner held at Clifton's Cafeteria in Lakewood Monday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Highlights of the program were the presentation of a sash "The Farmer in the Dell" by Den 1; a community sing led by the den mothers; and a hugging contest in which Mr. Beech and Mr. Fleming tied for first prize.

Private Peter H. Delaney, member of Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 2nd Battle Group, 1st Brigade, is presently undergoing the first cycle of basic training at Fort Ord.

A decorated birthday cake was presented the troop by the cafeteria.
Girls receiving one-year pins were: Linda Clark, Deborah Cote, Beverly Cowie, Terry Finnell, Marty Lehr, Joan Norris, Sandra Olson, Helen Somol, Andrea Tindley, Vickie Townsend, Karen Trygstad, Janice Webb and Karen Williams. Fly-up Wings were pre-

Den 4 won the honor flag. New members welcomed into the pack included: John Rodgers, Charles Picker, Teddy Buffington, William Robertson, Robert Vallandingham, Ricky Lutton, Dennis Clark, Steve Barnett, David Fleming, Mark McKinley, Carl Peterson and Lawrence Thompson.
Mike Molden and Charles Picker received wolf badges. The closing was presented by Den 3.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

1-Nice	10-Great Lake
2-Door	11-Pounder of Pennsylvania
3-Walk	12-Room in bar
4-Killer whale	13-Kill
5-Time gone by	14-Think alike
6-Fruit	15-Comfort
7-Twirl	16-Customs
8-Apostrophe	17-Pistol
9-Book of facts	18-Book of facts (2)
10-Nezved	19-Urge on
11-Burrowing animal	20-Jonsonian
12-Christian	21-Christmas festival
13-Prophecy	22-Prophecy
14-Burrowing animal	23-Christmas festival
15-Man's name	24-Prophecy
16-Living companion	25-Companion ascending looks
17-Fruit	26-Fruit
18-Storage bin	27-Interlace
19-Finish	28-Finish

DOWN

1-Man's nickname	2-Poem	3-Romance	4-Quiche	5-Musical	6-Perform	7-Decorate	8-Instruments	9-Procedure
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